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SUBJ: ANOTHER GUINEAN REPORT OF A PLANNED MERCENARY ATTACK

1. A GUINEAN RADIO EDITORIAL BROADCAST JUNE 21-22, 1973 RECOUNTED YET ANOTHER FRENCH, SPECIFICALLY FOCCART- LED, PLOT AGAINST GUINEA. THIS TIME IT WAS TWO GROUPS OF MERCENARIES, ONE GROUP OF EUROPEANS RECRUITED IN FRANCE AND RECENTLY TRANSPORTED TO PORTUGUESE GUINEA, AND ANOTHER GROUP ORGANIZED IN A " NEIGHBORING COUNTRY." (THIS MEANS EITHER SENEGAL OR IVORY COAST; EDITORIAL DID NOT SPECIFY.) THE TWO WIRCENARY UNITS ARE ALLEGEDLY PREPARED TO STRIKE FROM THE PORTUGUESE GUINEA VILLAGE OF CACINE, AT A GUINEAN VILLAGE, AS PART OF A PLOT BY WHICH CIVIL UNREST WOULD BE FOMENTED IN THE AREA, GUINEAN TROOPS CALLED TO RESTORE ORDER, AND THEN UNDER THE COVER OF THIS CONFUSION THE MERCENARY INVASION WOULD TAKE PLACE. EDITORIAL WARNED MERCENARIES TO STAY OR GET AWAY FROM CACINE WHILE THEY CAN BECAUSE CITY IS UNDER SEIGE AND WILL BE TAKEN BY PAIGC.

2. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY OF THESE REPORTS IN RECENT MONTHS THAT MANY GUINEANS, AND A FEW FOREIGN OBSERVERS, BELIEVE THERE MUST BE SOMETHING TO THEM. POSSIBILITY EXISTS HOWEVER
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THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE BASED ON EXAGGERATED OR FABRICATED
REPORTS TO THE GUINEAN PRESIDENCY, AND ARE USED BY TOURE TO
ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN FEELING OF NEED FOR UNIFIED POPULAR ACTION.
WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFO ADDEES MAY OBTAIN
CONCERNING FOCCART OR OTHER FRENCH INTEREST IN ATTACKS ON
GUINEA.
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